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For : **ROTATABLE BASE ASSEMBLY FOR
WASTE COLLECTION**

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 2, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention thus provides in a first aspect a rotatable base assembly for a single waste container of the type having a pair of opposite wheels by which said container may be wheeled when tipped, said base assembly having a platform and a base, said platform being supported on said base for rotation about a substantially vertical axis, said platform having an upper surface and a front and a rear, an entry/exit at the front of said platform through which a said waste container may be moved wholly onto said platform or moved from said platform, and means for constraining said waste container on said platform, said constraining means including means on said platform for receiving said wheels of said waste container for locating said container on said platform whereby a waste container supported on said platform may be rotated with said platform about said vertical axis.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 2, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Most preferably, the waste containers for use with the rotatable base assembly are of the type having a pair of supporting wheels on one side of the base of the container such~~

~~that when the container is tipped towards the wheels, it is supported on the wheels and may be wheeled to a desired location. The containers also~~ have a chamber and manipulating handles located at an upper end of the chamber above the wheels. A lid is hinged to the chamber adjacent the manipulating handles for movement about an axis extending substantially parallel to the wheel axis and the lid is provided with handles remote from the hinge axis of the lid.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 2, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

The upper surface of the platform preferably includes comprises an upper substantially planar surface to receive and support the base of a waste container. The constraining means may comprise one or more ribs or ridges extending upwardly relative to the planar surface.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 2, line 31 and extending to page 3, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

In one configuration, ribs or ridges may be provided on opposite sides of the platform. The locating means for the wheels may comprise recesses defined by the ribs or ridges ~~may define recess~~ into which the wheels of the container may be moved to locate the waste container on the platform. The rib or ridges may converge towards each other from the front to the rear of the platform. The constraining means may also include a rib or ridge located at the rear of the platform which acts as a stop to the waste container. The front of the platform however most preferably is free of a rib or ridge to enable the waste container to be readily moved onto the platform. The ribs or ridges may define a platform area substantially complementary to the cross section of the container at and including the wheels.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In a further aspect, the present invention provides a rotatable base assembly for a waste container of the type having a waste chamber, wheels at the bottom of, and on one side of, said chamber and a lid hinged to said chamber for movement about a hinge axis on said one side of said chamber and above said wheels, said base assembly comprising a platform and a base for said platform, said platform being supported for rotational movement about a substantially vertical axis to said base, pivot means interconnecting said platform and said base and defining said vertical axis of rotation of said platform, said platform having an entry/exit and being rotatable between a first position in which said waste container may be moved wholly onto said platform through said entry/exit to a position over said pivot means or moved from said platform through said entry/exit and a second position in which said container are rotated about said vertical axis such that said container is constrained from movement to or from said platform and said platform including means for locating said waste container on said platform, said locating means including means for receiving said wheels of said container.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 4, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

The waste container may be constrained from movement to or from the platform by ribs or ridges on the platform. The platform however may be alternatively formed to constrain movement of the waste container from the platform. ~~Most preferably, the platform includes an entry region which facilitates loading of a waste container onto or unloading a waste container from the platform.~~ The entry region may be bounded at least on opposite sides by the ribs or ridges.

Please deleted the paragraph commencing on page 4, line 25 which starts with "In yet a further aspect".

Please deleted the paragraph commencing on page 5, line 1 which starts with "The supporting means".